



MEDICAID-PEACHCARE NOTIFICATION 04/04/2008: OUTPATIENT FEE-FOR-SERVICE PHARMACY PROGRAM IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Effective April 1, 2008, the federal government began requiring Medicaid Fee-for-Service prescriptions include one or more industry recognized tamper-resistant features designed to:

- Prevent unauthorized copying of a completed or blank prescription form
- Prevent erasure or modification of information written on the prescription by the prescriber
- Prevent the use of counterfeit prescription forms

While the federal government has not identified the industry-recognized features, examples include but are not limited to the following:

Required tamper-resistant characteristics include one or more industry-recognized features designed to:		Examples include but are not limited to:
1	Prevent unauthorized copying of a completed or blank prescription form	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pantograph such that copied or faxed prescriptions show the word "Copy," "Illegal," or "Void."• High security watermark on the face or reverse side of the prescription blank• Coin-reactive ink that changes color when rubbed by a coin
2	Prevent erasure or modification of information written on the prescription by the prescriber	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tamper-resistant background ink shows erasures or attempts to change written information• Quantity check-off boxes• Pre-printed measures that reduce the ability to add prescriptions to the prescription pad. Ex. pre-printed indication of the number of prescriptions on the prescription pad.
3	Prevent the use of counterfeit prescription forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heat sensing imprints that disappear when touched.• Thermochromic ink technology that changes color with temperature change.• Invisible fluorescent fibers/ink that are visible only under black light.• Holograms that interfere with photocopying or scanning.